

Students' must attend summer school to meet credit requirements to reestablish eligibility. Students audit/no credit status will be determined at the end of each marking period. Data will be supplied by the assistant principal. The fourth marking period audit/no credit list will be used to determine eligibility status for the following school year.

**3.2** Any student who is not in school on the day of the practice, scrimmage, rehearsal, production or game may not participate in that day's event. School-related events such as field trips are not applicable.

#### **4.0 Establishment of the Eligibility Committee**

**4.1** In an effort to monitor student eligibility in extracurricular activities and to assess the effectiveness of the policy, an Eligibility Committee shall be established. Such committee shall be comprised of a building administrator, the Director of Student Activities, the Director and Assistant Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, the Extracurricular Activities' Advisor, guidance counselor, coach, advisor, teacher and parent. The committee shall convene at the end of each quarter to review student records, as well as to determine continuing eligibility status for the students who have not demonstrated improvement. The committee shall hear appeals regarding eligibility issues.

#### **5.0 Appeals Process**

**5.1** Whenever a student has been declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, he/she has the right to appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee, which shall be comprised of the Extracurricular Activities' Advisor and a minimum of four members from the committee, one of whom must be an administrator. The appeal must be submitted to the Extracurricular Activities' Advisor in writing no later than Friday during the week in which eligibility was denied. All appeals must be submitted within 5 days of the committee's decision. The decision of the committee will be final.

**5.2** Discipline, attendance and loss of credit (Audit/NC) issues will not be eligible for an appeal to the Eligibility Committee.

#### **6.0 Student Use of Illicit Substances**

**6.1** Refer to the Bay Shore Code of Conduct for infractions.

**6.2** Refer to the Bay Shore Breathalyzer Policy for alcohol-related issues.

**6.3** If a student is found to be in violation of the above policies, he/she will be removed immediately from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

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## Eligibility Policy for Extracurricular Activities

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While the Board of Education supports and encourages student participation in extracurricular activities, it believes that raising academic standards must be the first priority. The Board also maintains that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege reserved for those students who uphold the state laws, school rules (as exemplified by the Code of Conduct) and are in good health.

The Board of Education has established the following policy for all students attending Bay Shore Middle School and Bay Shore High School who wish to participate in extracurricular activities.

## 1.0 Scholastic Eligibility

1.1 In order to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity, all students, including seniors, must be enrolled in at least five classes and physical education.

### 1.2 Academic Eligibility Program

1.2.1 In June, all students' final G.P.A.'s will be reviewed. Any student whose G.P.A. falls below 75 will be sent an academic probation letter, and at the beginning of the new school year, if these students wish to participate in extracurricular activities, they will be placed in an academic probation program.

1.2.2 Students who attend summer school must submit a copy of their summer school grades, as well as a copy of their June report card to the extracurricular activities' advisor to determine eligibility.

1.2.3 In addition, at the end of each marking period, the quarterly G.P.A. will be reviewed, and academic probation letters will be issued to students whose G.P.A. falls below 75. If students choose to participate in an extracurricular activity, they must enter the academic probation program immediately upon receipt of the notification letter. Failure to do so may result in consequences determined by the Eligibility Committee.

1.2.4 Based on the final G.P.A. from the previous school year, students whose G.P.A. falls below 70 will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. **Students may appeal once a year, in order to maintain their eligibility in extracurricular activities.**

1.2.5 In determining students' final and quarterly G.P.A.'s, all courses will be included and grades will be unweighted.

1.2.6 As the student achieves a 75 G.P.A. for a

marking period, he/she may exit the program. All students are to remain in the program until a 75 G.P.A. is obtained. The student must adhere to the policy and procedures to avoid consequences. Coaches and advisors will be notified of the student's progress.

1.2.7 For students whose G.P.A.'s fall between 70 and 75, a written extracurricular activities contract must be signed by the parent, student, coach and advisor, in order to remain eligible for participation.

1.2.8 Weekly progress reports must be submitted by the student to ensure continuous monitoring for improvement. If the student fails to submit a satisfactory weekly progress report, he/she will be ineligible for extracurricular activities for one week. Students may re-establish eligibility by submitting a satisfactory weekly progress report for the following week. Review of student progress will be made at the end of each marking period by the Eligibility Committee.

1.2.9 In order to maintain eligibility, all student athletes must earn a passing grade in physical education each and every quarter.

## 2.0 Citizenship Eligibility

2.1 Students will be expected to demonstrate appropriate school citizenship and behavior by adhering to the Code of Conduct during all school-sponsored events (on/off campus). This behavior will be monitored through the assistant principal's office and reviewed by the Eligibility Committee.

### 2.1.1 In-School Suspension (ISS)

**For each day of ISS**, the student will be **suspended one additional day** of his/her extracurricular activity (two for one).

### 2.1.2 Out-Of-School Suspension

Out of school suspensions will count cumulatively during a student's middle school career (grades 7-8). Out-of-school suspensions accrued by a student during middle school will not be reflected in his/her high school eligibility record. When a student enters the high school, a new record of out-of-school suspensions will begin and accumulate during the student's high school career (grades 9-12).

**First Offense:** For each day of OSS, the student will be suspended for one additional day of his/her extracurricular activity for each day of the offense.

**Second Offense:** The student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a two-week period beginning the day of the offense. (Activities include practice, game days, meeting days, rehearsal days).

**Third Offense:** The student will lose his/her privilege to participate in the current and/or next sport season, drama production, dance or club event.

**Fourth Offense:** The student will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for one calendar year. The student may appeal his/her ineligibility.

**Fifth Offense:** Any subsequent suspensions will be reviewed by the eligibility committee.

2.1.3 A student is ineligible for any activity effective immediately upon notice of suspension.

2.1.4 The loss of eligibility because of suspension is for consecutive calendar days and includes all after-school activities, athletic, dramatic and show practices and all school-sponsored events. If a weekend, vacation or testing period falls between the assigned days of suspension, the student will not be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored event, such as competitions, practices, plays, shows and scrimmages.

2.1.5 If the suspension begins after the weekend, vacation or testing period, the student is ineligible for the preceding weekend, vacation or testing period.

2.1.6 Eligibility status for students who had a superintendent's hearing will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

## 3.0 Attendance Eligibility

3.1 Students who are denied credit (Audit/NC) because of excessive absences will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for two consecutive marking periods or until audited class has been cleared. Students who are in the audit phase **may appeal during the school year to the assistant principal who oversees attendance to determine eligibility for an appeal. Students who do not appeal will not be eligible to participate for one calendar year or until the audited class has been cleared. The student will lose his/her privilege to participate in his/her next sport season or next drama production, dance or club event.**